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on Thursday, 30 April 1992 at 4 p.m.

President: Mr. SOMAVIA (Chile)
(Acting President)

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The meeting was called to order at 4.30 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS (continued) (E/1992/36 and 37; E/1992/L.16, L.17, L.18 and L.19)

Draft decision E/1992/L.17

The PRESIDENT drew the Council's attention to the draft decision on the programme of work of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council (E/1992/L.17), submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations.

Mr. STOBY (Secretary of the Council) said that in the course of informal consultations the question had arisen as to when the item on human rights would be taken up by the Social Committee and subsequently by the Council in plenary meeting. The proposed programme of work set forth in section A of document E/1992/L.17 was to serve primarily as guidelines for the work of the substantive session and, therefore, did not indicate the dates on which all the plenary meetings would take place. It would be necessary throughout the substantive session to hold plenary meetings to consider the items dealt with on that basis and also receive and take action on the reports of the Economic and Social Committees. Accordingly, the item on human rights would be the first item dealt with in the Social Committee and would be considered on 30 June and 15 and 17 July. The Council would then consider the item in plenary meeting in order to take urgent action on it. Lastly, he pointed out that there would be no additional financial implications arising from any of the draft decisions to be adopted by the Council at the current meeting.

Draft decision E/1992/L.17 was adopted without a vote.

Draft decision E/1992/L.19

Mr. GUERRERO (Philippines), Vice-President, said that agreement had been reached in informal consultations on the item on human rights and a number of other issues, including economic matters. Draft decision E/1992/L.19, on the reconvening of the resumed organizational session of the Council, included a paragraph on the allocation of seats in the three subsidiary bodies which the Council had been requested by the General Assembly to establish. A number of changes had been made in the text of the draft decision: in paragraph 1 the phrase "in the first week of June" had been replaced by the phrase "on 28 and 29 May 1992"; in paragraph 2 the phrase "of 1992" had been inserted after the phrase "substantive session"; at the end of paragraph 3, the word "and" had been inserted before the phrase "in accordance with"; and at the end of paragraph 6, the phrase "of 1992" had been inserted after the word "Council". He hoped that the draft decision would be adopted without a vote.

Draft decision E/1992/L.19, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote.

Draft decision E/1992/L.18

Mr. GUERRERO (Philippines), Vice-President, introduced draft decision E/1992/L.18, on the establishment of new subsidiary bodies of the Council. In accordance with draft decision E/1992/L.19, which had just been adopted, the Council, at the resumed organizational session in May, would consider and decide on the regional allocation of seats in the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development. Under draft decision E/1992/L.18, the Council would hold elections for the membership of those bodies at its substantive session of 1992 as an exceptional measure. A number of changes had been made in paragraph (e) of draft decision E/1992/L.18: the phrase "recommendations for the programme of work of" had been inserted in the second line before the phrase "the Committee on"; and in the last line, the phrase "for consideration at its" had been replaced by the phrase "to the". In view of the general agreement reached on the text, it was hoped that the draft decision would be adopted without a vote.

Draft decision E/1992/L.18, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote.

Meeting of the Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances

The PRESIDENT said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Council wished to adopt the following draft decision: "The Economic and Social Council decides to authorize the meeting of the Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances scheduled to take place from 18 to 22 May 1992."

It was so decided.

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. ALI (Observer for Iraq) said that at the Council's fifth meeting a delegation had entered the name of Iraq on the ballots to elect members from Eastern European States for the Commission on Human Rights and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme. Those acts, which were unethical and uncivilized, had been designed to subject the Council and Iraq to ridicule and must not be allowed to be repeated in future.

CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

The PRESIDENT expressed satisfaction at the results achieved through the spirit of cooperation and compromise that had enabled the Council to reach consensus on a number of complex issues. He declared the resumed organizational session for 1992 closed.

The meeting rose at 5 p.m.